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8.15 p.m.—Centre Section M. G. Co. (H.K. residents) M. G. Drill at Hqrs.
8.15 p.m.—Right Section M. G. Co. at Headquarters.
8.15 p.m.—Left Section M. G. Co. on Kennedy Road range.
8.15 p.m.—Recruits of all units Squad drill at Headquarters under Sergeants Major Highby.
8.30 p.m.—Signalling Section "A," "B," and "C" Classes at Headquarters.
8.30 p.m.—Mounted Section on Polo Ground under Staff Sergeant Talbot.
8.30 p.m.—Squad Company drill on Cricket Ground.

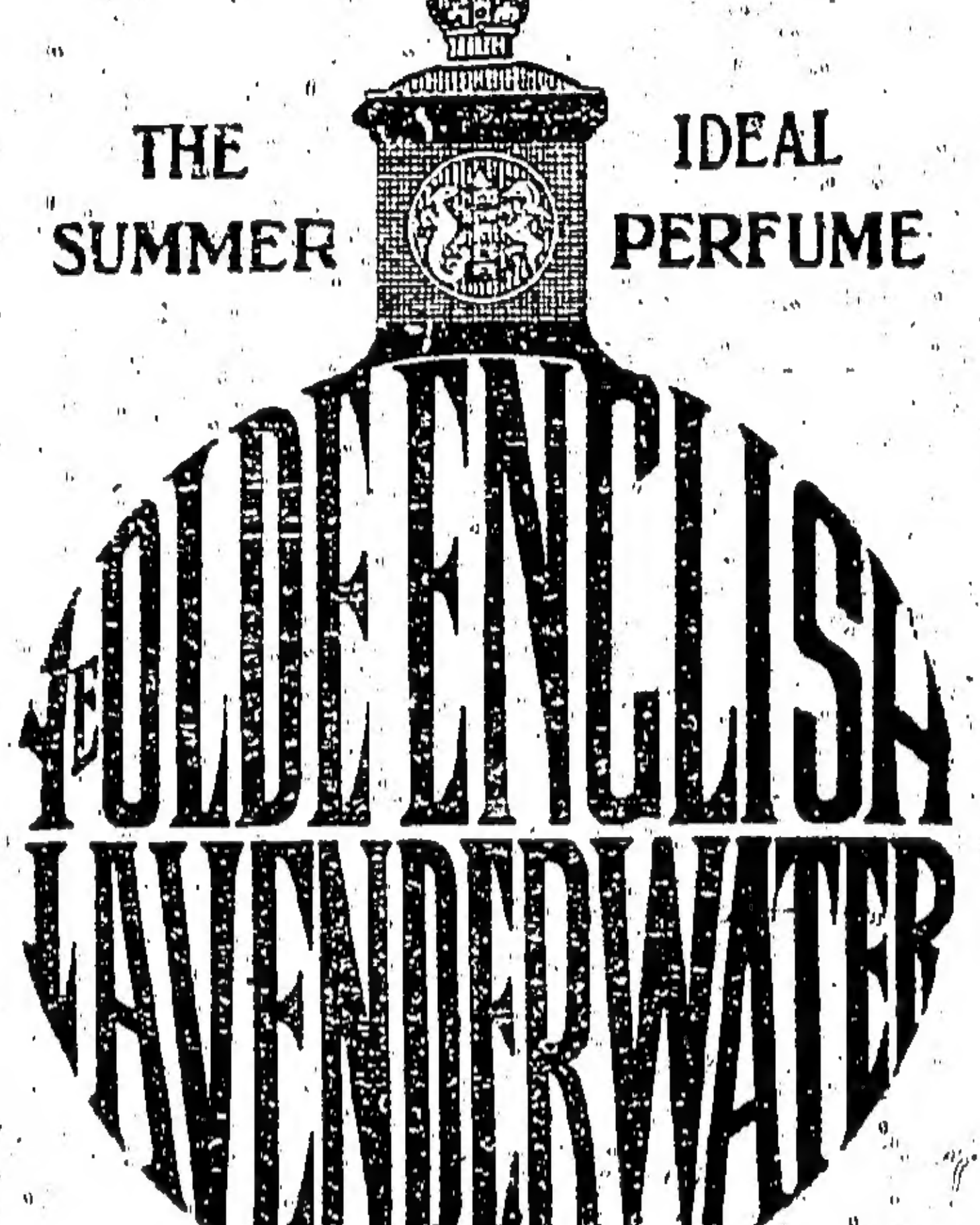
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The terms are as under—
The price of issue is 105.
The Loan is entirely free of Income Tax and of other taxation.

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G. TISDALE,
Manager,
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Sinking Fund Account £128,231

£23,970,387

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th instant to the 23rd instant both days inclusive.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY LIMITED,
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CLAIM FOR A PASSAGE HOME.

Judgment for the plaintiff, with costs, was given in R.H.M.'s Supreme Court, at Shanghai in a case in which Henry Townsend sued the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd. Mr. E.E. W. Godfrey appeared for plaintiff and Mr. H. N. Macleod for defendant.

Judgment was as follows—

This is a claim for \$450, an allowance in lieu of return passage alleged to be due under an agreement of July 25, 1914.

The defendants plead that this amount is subject to certain terms in an agreement of June 6, 1911, and is not payable.

The facts were in dispute. The plaintiff was engaged in Scotland for the defendant company as an iron shipbuilder in 1911, for three years.

That agreement expired on July 10, 1914, but under the terms of a letter of July 25, 1914, the services of the plaintiff were retained until January 31, 1916.

On that date he left the defendants' employ and shortly after, without any objection on the part of the defendant, entered the employ of another engineering firm in a temporary capacity. He was paid his salary in full up to January 31, 1916, but was refused anything in lieu of return passage. Hence these proceedings.

In the original agreement this payment in lieu of return passage was fixed at \$450 and two possibilities were contemplated at the termination of the agreement. Firstly, the plaintiff might leave Shanghai—that the payment was to be made; secondly, he might enter another firm's employ with permission of the defendants and then no payment was to be made. But at the termination of the agreement, in July 1914, the plaintiff did neither; he adopted a third course not contemplated in the agreement and remained in the defendants' employ.

Hence it is not surprising to find that the question of this passage money was mentioned in the letter of July 25, 1914, which laid down the altered terms on which he remained with the defendant company. He was now to get a higher salary, but was subject to two months' notice. On the other hand he could give two months' notice and the allowance in lieu of return passage was to be paid on his leaving the company's employ.

Mr. Godfrey argues that this was a new contract and the money was payable at any time on his leaving the employ—wherever he went to. Mr. Macleod argues that inasmuch as it is necessary to refer to the original agreement of 1911 to ascertain the amount of the allowance, we must import the other conditions of that agreement into the question of this payment.

As the plaintiff had entered into the employment of another firm with defendants' permission he was not to get it. The case is to me very near the line. In many cases of this nature it is clear where an entirely new agreement has been made, the old agreement stands subject to modifications but here it is not so, though in the view I take of this

case, it is not necessary for me to decide that point for in either event the plaintiff must win.

If it were a new contract, the allowance in lieu of return passage will be paid on leaving the employ; that language is clear; as the amount of the allowance has to be proved. Here it has been proved that it was fixed at \$450 under his agreement of June 1911, that is the only evidence before me. If on the other hand, the original agreement stood, subject to such modifications as were made in July 1914, then one of the modifications made referred to the payment of this allowance.

It was now to be "on leaving the employ" instead of on leaving Shanghai; and I hold that that modification of the original agreement acts as a revision of the terms in the original agreement on which he was to get this allowance. Nothing would have been easier than for the defendants to say that this payment was to be subject to the terms of the original agreement. That was not done and judgment must be given for the plaintiff with costs.

CHINA'S MORATORIUM.

The Cabinet order proclaiming a moratorium says that since the outbreak of war in Europe the gold market has been stagnant and commerce, consequently, has been on the decline.

Owing to internal troubles in our country, the means of livelihood of the people have become more than ever restricted. Our hearts are filled with sorrow when we ponder over the present conditions.

A custom prevails in foreign countries at a time of extraordinary financial stringency for notes issued by the Government banks to be rendered temporarily inconvertible and the withdrawal of deposits forbidden in order that the situation may be maintained, silver preserved and the various trades supplied with funds.

Such an excellent practice of the West being of far-reaching benefit should speedily be imitated in China.

The Ministries of Finance and Communications shall forthwith issue instructions to the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications that from this date all payments of cash shall be suspended, whether in exchange of the Bank's notes or cheques against funds deposited with the banks. This order shall come into force immediately and shall stand until further notice which will hereafter be notified as soon as the general situation is more settled. The Banks shall be held responsible and shall pay all silver reserve and deposits now lying in their vaults.

As regards local places and provinces in the special administrative areas where branches of the said banks exist the Chinese, Lieut.-Generals and Governors shall order the local officials to station adequate troops and police at the branch banks and see that these branches do not violate the order by secretly exchanging notes or paying money to depositors. They should also exercise control to prevent disturbances.

Any official, merchant, soldier or ordinary person who refuses to accept notes issued by these banks or handle same or who should dispose of same at rate below their par value will promptly be punished in accordance with Article 9 of the Currency Law.

At the same time the co-operation of the Chambers of Commerce should be secured with the view that united efforts may be maintained.

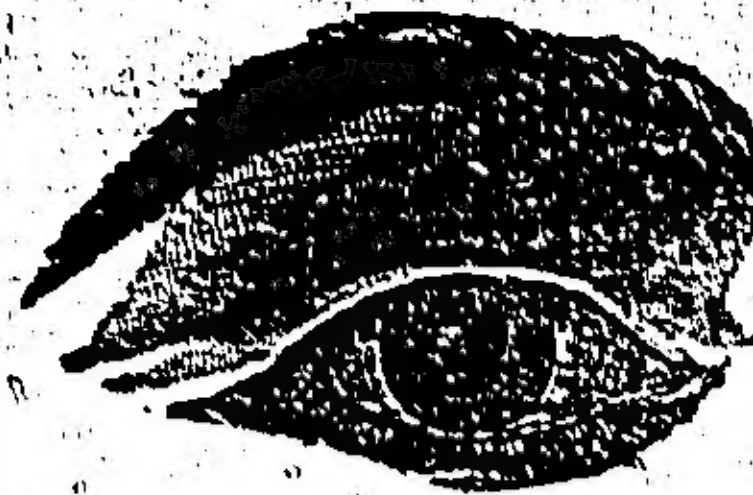
The two banks are hereby ordered to submit immediately to the Ministry of Finance a detailed statement showing the quantity and value of notes already in circulation of each denomination in order to prevent an excessive issue of their notes.

Let all strictly obey this order.

(Sg.) TUAN CHU-JUI,
Secretary of State.

Fifth Year of Minkuo.

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THURSDAY,

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124 RALES DUCK FEATHERS.

135 BUNDLES BAMBOO CANES.

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Hongkong, May 19, 1916.

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TUESDAY,

the 30th May, 1916, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 5, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

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Hongkong, May 20, 1916.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 30th May, 1916, at 3 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 5, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A NUMBER OF

INDIAN CARPETS AND RUGS (NEW).

Terms:—Cash.

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Hongkong, May 20, 1916.

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12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
3.00 p.m. to 3.10 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
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SUNDAY.

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10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
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THE WAR.

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SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

MORE BRITISH GAINS.

LANCASHIRES SEIZE NEW CRATERS.

London, May 21.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says:—

Our gain on Vimy Ridge was 380 yards, not 260 as mentioned in the communiqué of May 17.

The new line is on the crest of the ridge, destroying the dominance hitherto enjoyed by the Germans.

At this point we are driving a small salient into the enemy position.

The discomfiture of the Germans has since been expressed by furious bursts of shelling and attempts to harass us by every means, indicating that the enemy are making desperate efforts to recover lost ground.

Tunnelling towards the enemy craters has been in progress for some time through heavy chalk, and when the mine exploded a storming party of North Lancashires soon followed.

The Lancashire Fusiliers charged and seized the new craters, one of which was 60 feet wide by 30 feet deep.

Many Germans were buried in their dugouts. Their cries were heard amid the tumult of noise but the severe German fire in support of their trenches prevented any attempts at rescue.

LANCASHIRES LEADS USE THE BAYONET.

The Lancashire Lads, scattering bombs and plying their bayonets in the smoking chasms, consolidated their position within an hour under a rain of trench mortar bombs and hand-grenades, which continued after midnight. So strenuous was the work of the labour parties that by daylight the whole of the new front was linked up. Trenches of communication were cut to the old line with conspicuous coolness and exemplary initiative.

Two Lancashire subalterns were killed early in the assault. The Non-Coms. carried on unhesitatingly.

ENEMY'S BEST TROOPS ENGAGED.

Bodies of the enemy, whose casualties were heavy, are identified as Schleswig Holsteiners, some of the best troops left in Germany.

FIGHTING ON THE BRITISH FRONT.

NUMEROUS MINOR OPERATIONS.

London, May 20.

General Sir Douglas Haig's communiqué states that there was some artillery activity between the Somme and Amiens.

The enemy, in the Arras sector last night, captured a small post on the greater at the north end of the Vimy ridge. There was some grenade fighting south of Neuville. Our guns to-day silenced the enemy artillery in the Wailly sector. The Germans exploded a mine south-east of Houdicourt. We held the rear lip of the crater. We fired a mine near Calonne in the Lens sector and effectively bombarded the enemy positions there. There was considerable artillery activity near Souchez, Loos, and Hulluch. We successfully bombarded last night enemy positions north of Ypres. The enemy to-day shelled Poteze. There was considerable activity in the air. A hostile machine was driven down behind the German lines.

AN ALBERT MEDAL AWARD.

London, May 21.

The Gazette announces that the Albert Medal of the first class has been awarded to Major C. L. Newall of 2nd Gurkhas for extinguishing a fire in a large bomb store.

COTTON CONFERENCE ADJOURNED.

London, May 21.

The Conference of representatives of Cotton Employers and Employees held in Manchester yesterday has been adjourned till next week.

THE IRISH COMMISSION.

London, May 19.

The Irish Commission goes to Dublin on Tuesday.

AUSTRIANS' HEAVY CASUALTIES.

ROME TAKES CHEERFUL VIEW OF SITUATION.

London, May 19.

A cheerful view of the situation on the Italian front is taken in Rome. It is stated that the Austrians' small successes cost them 20,000 casualties. The spirit of the Italians is splendid in the face of tremendous artillery fire. Experts say the Austrians are being exhausted, the effects whereof will shortly be seen to the advantage of the Italians and the Allies.

THE ALAND ISLANDS.

THE ALLIES' GUARANTEE.

Paris, May 19.

It is announced that the Allies have guaranteed that the Aland Islands will not remain fortified after the war.

APPREHENSION ALLAYED IN SWEDEN.

RESTRICTIONS ON PULP EXPORT TO BE REMOVED.

London, May 21.

The Daily Telegraph says:—The Anglo-French proposals, in which Russia acquiesced, that the fortifications of the Aland Islands should be dismantled after the War, has allayed apprehension in Sweden.

One of the immediate results will be the removal of the restrictions on the Swedish export trade.

BRITISH SUBMARINE TORPEDOES GERMAN STEAMER.

COPENHAGEN, May 21.

A German steamer, which was torpedoed on May 17th by a British submarine, tried to escape but was stopped by a shot. The crew had ample time to escape.

ITALIANS RETIRE AFTER INTENSE BOMBARDMENT.

ENEMY SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES.

Rome, May 19.

A communiqué states that in the Adamello zone the Italians occupied Crests near Sarea, capturing 30 prisoners and much material.

The Italians evacuated their position at Zagagnotta between the Adige and Terragno valley after three days of intense bombardment, the enemy suffering the heaviest losses.

The enemy continued their bombardment with batteries of every calibre against the Italian line from Monte Maggio to Laghiaccio. This line was evacuated to avoid useless losses. The Italians retired to positions in the rear, where they are reinforcing.

The Austrians violently bombarded and attacked various points at Val Sugana, but were repulsed everywhere. The Italian artillery was generally active on the entire front.

THE ENEMY AGAIN REPULSED.

PARIS, May 19.

The French felled two aeroplanes, Sub-Lieutenant Navarre getting his tenth.

The Germans, attempting to take a small salient in West Argonne, were hurled back to their trenches.

UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ALLIES AND GREECE.

London, May 19.

Reuter understands that the Allies and Greece have satisfactorily settled the question of the transport of the Serbian army which will proceed by sea.

THE TORPEDOED GERMAN STEAMERS.

THE DIFFERENCE IN METHODS.

COPENHAGEN, May 19.

The Chief Officer of the Swedish steamer which saved the crews of two German steamers torpedoed in the Baltic says the Germans told him that they had ample warning. They were even allowed to take their best clothes. The German Captain was taken on board the Russian submarine because he was nearly drowned when boarding the sinking vessel to get the ship's papers.

It is believed that two more German steamers have been torpedoed.

MR. ASQUITH RETURNS.

London, May 19.

Mr. Asquith has returned to London.

FURIOUS GERMAN ATTACKS FAIL.

LONDON, May 19.

Furious German attacks have been renewed at Verdun. A communiqué states that at dusk the enemy commenced an extremely violent offensive with two fresh divisions, against Avocourt Wood and Hill 304. It completely failed except for the carrying of a small work to the south of Dealman Hill. Then the Germans tried to extend their progress here but were entirely repulsed.

A further German attempt to retake the fort we captured yesterday was completely defeated.

VIOLENT ARTILLERY DUEL.

NUMEROUS FRENCH AIR RAIDS.

PARIS, May 20.

A communiqué says that on the left of the Meuse the artillery duel continued. It was most violent at Avocourt Wood, Hill 304 and Mort Homme. The enemy did not attempt to attack.

There was moderate artillery activity to the right of the Meuse in Woëvre. It was quiet elsewhere except in Champagne and the Vosges, where the French artillery was most active.



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THE DIARY.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Noon.—Peak Tramways Co's Meeting.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture,
Carpets, Pianos etc., at Messrs.
Hughes and Hough's.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, May 24—
Empire Day.
Holidays.
8.30 p.m.—Police Reserve's Entertainment in City Hall.
THURSDAY, May 25—
11 a.m.—Auction of Duck Feathers and Bantam Eggs at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
5.30 p.m.—Annual General Meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club.
FRIDAY, May 26—
Queen Mary's Birthday (1907).
11 a.m.—Auction of Office Furniture etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
SATURDAY, May 27—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Curios etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
3.45 p.m.—Annual Gymkhana Meeting of the Season.
SUNDAY, May 28—
9 a.m.—Excursion to Maeco by S.S. "Talisman".
MONDAY, May 29—
11 a.m.—Auction of Ship's Gear ex "Chiyo Maru" at T.K.K. and Skott and Co's, Godowns, Kennedy Town.
TUESDAY, May 30—
Dedication Day in U.S.A.
Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement Day.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Portable Motor at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
3 p.m.—Auction of Carpets and Rugs at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
WEDNESDAY, May 31—
The English New Derby run at Newmarket.
THURSDAY, June 1—
Ascension Day.
Noon.—"Star" Ferry Co's Meeting.
SATURDAY, June 3—
King George's Birthday (1895).
Holidays.
MONDAY, June 5—
Queen Boat Festival.

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well for him to bear in mind that if the present Chief Executive with the greatest military power ever possessed and wielded by any Chinese ruler in our history has failed to crush the South, it will not be men wholly inferior to him in ability, personality and prestige—a FENG KUO CHANG, a CHANG HSUEH or even, we say it with respect, a General TUN CHUN-AT—who can do what YUAN SHIH-KAI at the height of his great fortune has been powerless to achieve. The proposed conference is fixed for Thursday next, and by the end of this week, therefore, it should be possible to estimate more accurately the prospects of a settlement by mutual agreement, which seems at present a rather remote possibility. Meanwhile it is noteworthy that Li Yuen Hsun, the Vice President, has rejected the offer of the Presidency made to him by the South.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Shareholders in the Peak Tramways Company Limited are reminded of the annual general meeting to be held at noon to-morrow in the Hongkong Hotel.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nyman," bringing passengers ex S.S. "Khyber" from London, Massell and Egypt, is expected to arrive at Hongkong on or about the 30th inst.

The P. and O. chartered steamer "Singala," with the London Mail of 20th April ex S.S. "Khyber," is expected to arrive at Hongkong about 5 p.m. on Friday the 26th instant.

THE Governor has intimated his intention of attending the Victoria Theatre to-morrow night when the Humphrey Bishop Concert Party give their first entertainment there.

There were 15 cases of small-pox reported in the Colony last week, (one English, the rest being Chinese). Eight cases proved fatal. The only other cases of communicable disease were two of enteric fever and one of diphtheria. There was not a single case of plague.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Allied Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—
Manchester Royal Infirmary
Nurses M.I. £50—\$47.70

The P. and O. Homeward intermediate steamer "Nora," which left Hongkong on the 30th March last, arrived at Marseilles on Friday, the 24th instant, and left that port for London on Saturday the 13th idem.

The "Peking Gazette" states:—The Presidential accession is no longer a question—it is now become a constitutional reality. By its historic act the South has proclaimed General Li Yuan-hung the new president of China. That is the great message announced in a Reuter despatch from Canton. And that is the masculine reply which the Southern intellect has delivered to the pernicious thought of the medieval Northern mind, of the Nanking Triumvirate and the indecision of the Manchinate in Peking.

The case against Karler Singh, chauffeur in the service of the Hon. Mr. Lau Chai-pak, for driving a car in excess of the regulation speed at a point in Des Voeux Road where he was required to go "dead slow," was again before Mr. Wood at the Magistracy this morning. Sergeant Scull of the mounted section of the Hongkong Police Reserve, corroborated the evidence given on Friday last by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D. S. P. (R), that the car passed the signal at about 15 miles an hour. The Magistrate convicted the defendant and imposed a fine of ten dollars.

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COMPANY MEETINGS.

CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP CO.

In pursuance of Section 188 of the Companies Ordinance 1911 a final winding-up meeting of this company was held to-day at the offices of the Liquidators, St. George's Building.

Mr. Robert Shewan presided and others present were Mr. R. Hancock, Mr. J. A. Young, Mr. H. F. Campbell and the Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen, this meeting has been called in accordance with the provisions of section 188 of the Companies Ordinance 1911, for the purpose of laying before you the Liquidators' accounts. These are open for your inspection and, I think, do not require any explanation.

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THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Thirteenth Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the China-Borneo Company was held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, at 11.30 a.m. to-day, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1915, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

There were present: Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar (Chairman), Sir Paul Clutter, C.M.G., Mr. A. E. Griffin, Mr. W. G. Darby (General Manager), members of Consulting Committee, and Messrs. A. Denison, A. O. Lang, O. Baptista, H. Kennett, K. Sayce, and B. Bridger, shareholders.

The notice convening the meeting having been read, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the Report and Accounts have been in your hands for some days and with your permission we will take them, together with the Auditor's Certificate, as read. I regret that the figures which we have to lay before you are not of a more satisfactory nature. As I explained to you on this occasion last year, the war is very seriously affecting the whole of our business, and should shareholders feel inclined to be dissatisfied with the results, I must ask them to bear in mind the exceptional conditions under which we have been, and are, working. The Homeward rates of freight on timber have now advanced to such a figure that our business with the United Kingdom has been brought to a standstill. Local business in Borneo still continues to be very dull, and though we have so far been able to continue our shipments to the Chinese market, the demand here has been none too good and prices not always remunerative. If you will turn to the Balance Sheet for a moment you will notice that the net profit is down by some \$40,000.00, a very serious falling off, but I cannot say that it is less than any of us, who are responsible for the working of the Company, expected. I need scarcely say that expenditure under all headings has been kept as low as possible, and you will notice that our office expenses have been reduced by some \$15,000.00.

We show for the first time in our Balance Sheet an Exchange Fluctuation Account with a balance of \$18,012.71. This balance, which has been created by the adjustment of various Exchange Accounts between Hongkong, Borneo, and London, we propose to keep in hand to provide for similar adjustments in the future, but which may be of an adverse nature. Our Stocks of Timber and Materials on hand at 31st December were approximately of the same value as at the end of the previous year. They are considerably heavier than they would be in normal times but they have been valued on a very careful and conservative basis. Our Sundry Debtors, on the other hand, show the substantial reduction of some \$24,000.00. In view of the conservative manner in which we dealt with our profit last year we feel able to recommend the distribution by way of dividend of all the profit earned in 1915, after making the usual provision for depreciation. Indeed at the present moment the outlook is far from satisfactory, the local troubles in China having dislocated, for the time being, the only market which is open to us. In November last year I took the opportunity of making a trip to Borneo and examined at first hand the local business of the Company. I visited the jungle and saw our labour force there felling and drawing timber out. I confess it seemed to me rather strenuous work. The Saw Mills and Slipway at Sandakan were also gone over, and I was very pleased with every thing I saw. It seemed to me that the Company has valuable property and given an increased demand for timber and more numerous times the prospects for the future of the Company are good. I now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and accounts, which, when seconded, will be open to discussion.

Mr. A. DENISON seconded and there being no questions, the motion was carried unanimously.

The re-election of Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar to the Consulting Committee was proposed by Mr. Sayce, seconded by Mr. O. Baptista, and carried unanimously; as was also the re-election of Mr. C. Bernard Brown as Auditor at a remuneration of \$250 per annum; proposed by Mr. A. O. Lang and seconded by Mr. H. Kennett.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Dividend warrants will be ready on application at the Company's office to-morrow.

SALE OF RACE PONIES AT SHANGHAI.

At the sale of Ponies after the last Shanghai Race Meeting very high prices were given for some of the best races and polo ponies.

Apparently the idea is entertained up North that the troubles in China are going to make the obtaining of griffins very uncertain.

We give the names of those ponies which are familiar to Hongkong racers and the prices offered for them.
Chamel, Tls. 210; The Pigeon, Tls. 120; Britannic, Tls. 120; Bonnie Boy, withdrawn at Tls. 700; Naughty Boy, Tls. 100; The Cub, Tls. 170; The Gift, Tls. 170; The Taj, Tls. 100; Charlemagne, Tls. 250; Memory, Tls. 650; Ironmonger, Tls. 100; Cream Cheese, Tls. 180; Jammy Face, Tls. 230; Bobgill, Tls. 100; Saadiway, Tls. 900; Simple Simon, Tls. 140; Gretta Green, Tls. 210; Peter Plover, Tls. 420; Peter, Tls. 250; Boddy, Tls. 500; Cavalryfield, Tls. 130; Consort, Tls. 200; Westland, Tls. 140; Wonderland, Tls. 350; Patrol, Tls. 350; Sid, Tls. 105; Borealis, Tls. 150; Aman, withdrawn at Tls. 270.

Over 50 ponies were sold and the total of the amounts offered was over Tls. 10,000.

GALLANT RESCUE IN THE HARBOUR.

It transpires that during the gale on Friday evening some very gallant deeds were performed by Europeans who witnessed a sloop overturn in the harbour near the Victoria Recreation Club. Four Europeans who were on the Club premises at the time having their attention attracted to the harbour by cries, looked out and saw some distance away an overturned sloop to which two women were clinging. Mr. T. Meek immediately put off in a dinghy to the rescue, a very venturesome task in such a strong wind. At the same time the accident had been observed at the Naval Yard, and a larger boat went off to the rescue. This boat took off the women and began to tow the sloop back to the V.R.C. The rescued women were manifesting the greatest agitation and the information was gleaned from them that there were others entangled in the overturned boat. Mr. Meek went back in his dinghy, and dived in to investigate, but was unable to get at them. Maher, the boxer, who was training in the gymnasium at the time, went out to assist. He dived in and righted the boat, and inside they found a woman and child. They were promptly rescued and, under restoration, they revived. Thus all four occupants were saved by the gallantry and willing help of these Europeans. The names of Messrs. J. R. Lyons, A. McKirby, and R. Henderson are also to be mentioned in this connection as they rendered willing and valuable assistance in getting out the dinghy.

EMPIRE DAY.

Empire Day (Wednesday) is not a Bank Holiday, but will doubtless be observed very generally as a holiday.

The customary service for children attending the schools will be held at St. John's Cathedral.

A commemorative service for the Catholics of Hongkong and Kowloon will be held at the Roman Catholic Cathedral at 9.30 a.m. when His Lordship Bishop Pozzani will give an address on "Empire Day." The schools participating in these services will be:—Army School of Hongkong and Kowloon, St. Joseph's English College, Italian Convent, French Convent, St. Francis' School (Wanchai), St. Mary's School (Kowloon), St. Lewis Industrial School (West Point), Yau-mai Chinese School, Hungnam Chinese School, Aberdeen Chinese School, Shaokwan Chinese School, Wanchai Chinese School, and To-Ying School (Glenalee).

Another event announced for Empire Day is a Bogey Competition on the Fanning Golf Course, for a cup presented by Mr. J. W. Bollen who has recently gone to the United States on leave. In the evening the Police Reserve are giving a complimentary entertainment at the Theatre Royal to the members of the forces in Hongkong, and a member of the Police Reserve has invited men who have returned from the front to a dinner at the King Edward Hotel.

CLOSING SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Banks 4 p.m.
Unions 87.30
Docks 107.6
Cement 204.5
Sugars 119.5
Indos 119.5
Shanghai Docks 71.7

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE SANCTITY OF LIBERTY.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

SIR—I read with interest Mr. Tozer's remarks in regard to the above which appeared in your columns yesterday. From what he says it appears highly probable that a serious injustice has been inflicted upon the subject of an allied Power. This in a sense is regrettable but it is well to remember that we are now at war and that the alleged innocence or guilt of the arrested subjects affects in no way the validity of the proceedings. We are out to smash Prussian militarism and if it can be achieved only by the adoption of Prussian methods then so be it. Besides, why should subjects be any more immune or exempt from arrest and imprisonment than our own? Mr. Tozer says: "After their arrest they are given no sort of hearing... the order for expulsion is made and they go." Why not? Indeed I congratulate them for as Home, British, and alien subjects—after their arrest given no sort of hearing—and as they go. And now for a mere fourteen days but for fourteen months. Why not? And indeed as far as information to their friends as they might as well be in their graves. And why not? The days of sickly sentimentalism are, thank God, past and we live in days of great though grim realities.

On what grounds does Mr. Tozer suggest (by inference) that Hongkong, a Crown Colony, should be exempt from the operations of the Defence of the Realm Act of which the Deportation Ordinance is merely a mild extension and application? Sir, I repeat, we are at war, and if we are to be Prussianised we chip the right and liberty as true born British subjects to Prussianise ourselves rather than be Prussianised by predatory Kaisers. Moreover, Prussian militarism is slowly but very surely and inevitably being crushed, or will be as soon as the entire mass of the Empire is under arms, and it must and will remain crushed as long as we have the determination to maintain the army at its full fighting strength—consequently of course with the retention of the Defence of the Realm Act.

Paradoxical as it may seem, it is thus and only thus Sir, by permanently effecting a complete suspension of the most important constitutional guarantees that we can possibly hope to secure the ultimate and triumphant realisation of the ideal of the sanctity of human liberty.

Yours, etc.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1916.

THE CRISIS IN CHINESE BANKING CIRCLES.

The Shanghai Mercury of Monday evening last contained the following:—
The run on the Bank of China and the Bank of Territorial Development Ltd. continues, and to-day large crowds of people were assembled on both the Hankow and Nanking Roads, necessitating the presence of a large number of foreign and Chinese police to keep them in order. The Bank of China is reported to have paid out \$300,000 on Saturday and \$200,000 yesterday, while to-day's payments will probably amount to about three lakhs. The Bank of Communications continued the attitude of Saturday and displayed a notice outside their premises to the effect that a moratorium having been declared by the Peking Government, they were compelled to temporarily suspend payment of notes.

The people assembled on Nanking Road to-day were very disappointed with the slow manner in which Bank of Territorial notes were exchanged for silver dollars. A very small number of people were allowed in the bank at a time, and the examining of the notes and payment therefor in silver took practically ten times as long as it did at the Bank of China. The explanation offered for this was that many Territorial bank notes had been forged, and it was therefore necessary to examine each note with particular care. This Bank paid out from 10 to 11.30 a.m., and again from 2 to 3 p.m. but the majority of the crowd in attendance went away with their notes unsatisfied.

There has also been a run during the week-end on the Ningpo Commercial Bank, but it is satisfactory to learn all notes of this Bank have been cashed for silver.

A meeting of foreign bankers was held at the Chartered Bank this afternoon. No definite decision was reached as regards the Bank of China, but it is understood that the Banks are all willing to give the necessary help to the Bank in question.

JAPANESE METHODS OF TRADE IN CHINA.

The following paragraph is taken from a review of the Foreign Trade of China in 1915, by Mr. F. E. Taylor, Statistical Secretary of the Maritime Customs:—

About 15 years ago a training college was established in Shanghai by the Japanese known as Tungya Tungyuan, which was assisted by Government funds. The students, of whom there are at present about 200, are specially trained for work in China. The college course lasts for three years, and 99 per cent of the students are graduates and are now at work in different parts of China, pushing their country's commercial interests. A large site has been secured at Suicawei, and new and suitable premises are to be erected shortly. In 1908 the value of Japan's direct trade with China was Tls. 85,620,000, and in 1915 it amounted to Tls. 107,250,000, without including the undeclared trade at Kiaochow during eight months of the year, probably worth another 14 millions. From which it would appear that we have fully justified Japanese methods of developing trade.

SPORTING.

HONGKONG TENNIS LEAGUE.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

The Hongkong Cricket Club were successful in both divisions of the League on Saturday.
"A" team met the Chinese Recreation Club on the latter's ground and won by 6 games to 4. "B" team met the Olympic on the Club ground and beat the visitors by 38 games to 41.

FIRST DIVISION.

HONGKONG "A" BEAT UNIVERSITY.
H. A. Nisbet and H. R. Phelps (Hongkong) beat Wei Wing Lok and Ng Sze Cheung ... 8-3
Lost to Ng Sze Kwong and Wong To Keung ... 2-9
Beat Yung Hing Lun and Wong Po Kio ... 0-2
N. E. Kent and M. M. Nias lost to Wei and Ng ... 3-4
Lost to Ng and Wong ... 3-8
Beat Yung and Smith ... 7-4
F. W. Gray and L. N. Murphy beat Wei and Ng ... 8-3
Lost to Ng and Wong ... 1-7
Beat Yung and Wong ... 8-3

HONGKONG "B" DEFEAT OLYMPIC.

H. E. Muriel and E. V. Grant Smith (Hongkong) beat A. Viveash and Smith ... 6-10
Beat Heffley and D. Purves ... 10-1
Beat Higginsbottom and L. Purves ... 8-3
C. E. Malby and W. J. Morrison beat Viveash and Smith ... 8-3
Lost to Heffley and D. Purves ... 3-8
Beat Higginsbottom and L. Purves ... 9-2
R. E. Thurstfield and P. S. Cassidy beat Viveash and Smith ... 6-3
Lost to Heffley and D. Purves ... 3-8
Lost to Higginsbottom and L. Purves ... 3-8

SECOND DIVISION.

KOWLOON "A" BEAT UNITED SERVICES.
N. E. Green and Dr. Lindsay Woods beat Lieut. Colonel Crisp and Lieut. R. E. Lindell ... 7-4
Hamilton ... 1-7
Beat Lieut. Colonel Fanning and Lieut. Colonel Watson ... 7-4
E. Abraham and I. Chingyut beat Crisp and Lindell ... 6-3
Beat Hamilton and Hamilton ... 8-3
Beat Fanning and Watson ... 8-3
R. D. Evans and J. V. Bragg beat Crisp and Lindell ... 6-3
Lost to Hamilton and Hamilton ... 3-6
Lost to Fanning and Watson ... 8-6

KOWLOON "B" BEAT CIVIL SERVICE.

A. O. Brown and R. Abraham (Kowloon) beat R. C. Wittell and W. R. Bradbury ... 6-8
Beat Dr. Snellley and J. D. Wood ... 8-3
Beat C. J. Tacchi and N. L. Smith ... 8-3
W. Kay and Forster beat Wittell and Bradbury ... 6-5
Beat Snellley and Wood ... 8-3
Beat Tacchi and Smith ... 8-3
D. Cooper and P. Wolff beat Wittell and Bradbury ... 10-1
Beat Snellley and Wood ... 10-1
Beat Tacchi and Smith ... 8-3

CHINESE SALT REVENUE.

Mr. Charles Watney, writing to a London financial paper on the course recently taken by the Yokohama Specie Bank, acting under the instructions of the Japanese Government, in retaining the surplus of the salt revenues on the ground that the situation in China endangers the salt Customs revenue, remarks:—

Surely there is a risk if Governments are thus to be permitted to retain revenue which will certainly belong to China—where is the process to end? Quite a number of loans are secured on the salt payable to the Anglo-German Loan of 1898, the Anglo-Indian Loan of 1898, the Loan to the Hukang Viceroy (1907), the Anglo-French Viceroy (1907), the Hupéi Provincial Bonds (1909), the Chihli Provincial Bonds (1910), the Loan to the Liang Kiang Viceroy (1910), the Currency Loan (1911), the Fukien Railways Loan (1911), the Hupéi Provincial 7 per cent. Silver Loan (1911), and the Chinese 5 per cent. Gold Loan of 1912. The release of the million dollars held by the Yokohama Bank has been authorised by the directors of the Salt Incorporator, but though the other banks of the groups have handed over the money, one partner of the quintuple alliance abstains. The investors in Chinese securities are not solely affected by the new development of policy; the whole structure of international finance is endangered. What do the other Governments say?

In reference to the above we may quote the following from a telegram from the Tientsin correspondent of the Morning Post, despatched on 10th inst.—Kwangtung's declaration of independence and the serious developments likely to arise therefrom, render it imperative that the Allied Governments should decide upon a uniform definite policy. That such uniformity is lacking at present is shown by the consent of the other bankers to pay out the surplus of the salt revenue to the Peking Government, while the Japanese, acting under official instructions, declined to do so. A sum of one million dollars of this surplus was remitted by way of Canton on April 5, and Canton declared its independence the next day. The money, it is now expected, will be uselessly squandered.

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THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

FIERCE FIGHTING AT VERDUN.

PARIS, May 21.
Fierce fighting continues at Verdun. A communiqué states that the Germans at night time renewed their attacks on Douaumont Hill.

All attempts on the East side were completely defeated, but the Germans succeeded in occupying one first line trench on the western slopes.

Fighting of the liveliest description is proceeding at Vaux Fort.

The Germans, by a coup de main in Lorraine penetrated a trench, but were driven out leaving dead and wounded.

GOOD WORK BY FRENCH AIR SQUADRONS.

A French bombing air-squadron attacked the military establishments at Thionville, Etain, and Spincourt, and also hit towns at Auzannes and Danville.

The bombardment of a big German railway depot at Lumes caused a precipitate departure of trains and an extensive conflagration of the station buildings.

An air battle in which four French machines and three Fokkers were engaged resulted in the three Fokkers being brought down, and another Fokker was forced down in its own lines, and destroyed by French batteries.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

"HOLDING FIRM."

ATRIANS' BIG EFFORT.

LONDON, May 21.

The Italian front is holding firm, and the Austrians are unable to claim further successes.

The Austrian High Command has arrived at the front and taken over the command.

The Tribune says that the Austrians brought twelve divisions from Serbia and Russia to participate in this offensive, replacing them by third-rate troops, while additional munitions came from Germany.

It appears that the offensive was necessary for political reasons, in order to appease the restlessness of the Austrian people and to foil the Italian offensive.

The Tribune assures its readers that the Italians command the position and view the situation with perfect equanimity.

THE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT OF INDIA.

INTERVIEW WITH LORD HARDINGE.

LONDON, May 21.

In an interview granted to the London correspondent of the New York Times, Lord Hardinge paid a warm tribute to the loyalty of India's princes and peoples, and also to the attitude of the educated and political classes in suspending controversies in order not to embarrass the Government, and in not opposing the drastic legislation which was made when necessary.

The sense of increased responsibility on the part of the Indian members of the Imperial Legislative Council is strikingly shown in their speeches.

There has been vast political development in India in recent years. Politicians whose ultimate aspiration was self-government had become more moderate and more sensible in their demands as they came to realise the impossibility of India standing alone. This improvement was unquestionably due to Lord Morley's and Lord Minto's reforms.

Lord Hardinge hoped it might be possible to make further concessions in the way of provincial autonomy after the War.

INDIA AND INDENTURED LABOUR.

REASONS FOR ITS ABOLITION WANTED.

LONDON, May 21.

Lord Sydenham has given notice of his intention to move in the House of Lords for the despatch containing the reasons leading the Raj to recommend the abolition of indentured emigration of Indians.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

ENEMY OFFENSIVE DEFEATED.

VALIANT ITALIANS.

ROME, May 21.
A communiqué states—Enemy attacks between Aiguille and the Tergoglio Valley having been repulsed, the enemy resumed the violent bombardment on the northern slope of Pasubio, using tear shells. There was an enemy offensive between Terraglio and Upper Astico. The Italians valiantly sustained their attacks on the Asiago Plateau, and although the enemy offensive was prepared and supported by a fierce bombardment it was shattered by the firm resistance of the Italians.

A great Austrian aerial raid on the Venetian Plain did little damage. There were a few casualties.

GERMANS ATTEMPT TO CROSS YSER CANAL.

A FAVORABLE ENCOUNTER.

PARIS, May 20.
Today's communiqué says—There was no action before Verdun, except a violent bombardment west of the Meuse of our positions between Avecourt Wood and Mort Homme.

An enemy attempt to cross the Yser Canal between Steenstraete and Hattas failed against infantry and artillery fire.

The enemy in Champagne discharged great clouds of gas on our front near Sommepré, but our curtain of five nipped the prepared attack in the bud.

ANOTHER RAID ON KENT COAST.

ENEMY SEAPLANE FELL.

LONDON, May 20.
It is officially announced that at least three seaplanes sailed the east coast of Kent at two o'clock in the morning.

A dozen explosive bombs were dropped in the Isle of Thanet, but only a few windows were broken.

Twenty-five bombs were dropped on south-east Kent, where a soldier was killed and a woman and a seaman were injured. The damage was insignificant.

One of the raiders was brought down by a Naval patrol of the Belgian coast.

HEAVY GERMAN ATTACKS.

SERIOUS ENEMY LOSSES.

PARIS, May 21.
A communiqué states—Left of the Meuse, after a bombardment of extreme violence, the Germans, in the afternoon, attacked on a wide front in the Mort Homme region.

The enemy east of Mort Homme momentarily penetrated our first line, but a sharp counter-attack drove them back with heavy losses.

The Germans to the west of the northern slopes of Mort Homme, after a series of fruitless assaults which our artillery and infantry fire rendered numerous successes at the close of the day in occupying some of the elements of an advanced trench.

The enemy contingent who were pushed to our second line were caught by a fierce artillery fire and retired in disorder, abandoning numerous dead.

There has been great artillery activity in the Avecourt and Hill 304 region, and an intermittent bombardment on the right of the Meuse and in Woivre. Our artillery north-west of Roye shelled enemy supply depots, causing several fires. Two strong German reconnaissances north of Soissons were dispersed.

BRITISH RECAPTURE THE YIMY CRATER.

ENEMY RAIDS.

LONDON, May 21.
General Sir Douglas Haig, in a communiqué states—After a heavy bombardment the enemy last night raided our line south-west of Loos and entered a front trench, but was immediately ejected. The enemy also attempted to rush a post north-west of Wicfeite but was driven back.

The Royal North Lancashire captured the crater at Vimy Ridge which the enemy captured on the 18th.

There has been considerable artillery activity to-day at various points on our front, principally in the Souchez region and north-east of Faugassart. We exploded a mine to-day in the Halluech sector and occupied the crater.

There has been much successful aerial work in the favourable weather. Yesterday there were thirteen combats in the air, and two enemy machines were brought down behind the German lines.

GERMAN AIR RAID AYENGED.

PARIS, May 20.

A communiqué states—A German attempt to rush a small post in the Vosges failed. German aeroplanes last night bombed Dunkirk and Bergues, killing one and wounding twenty-seven.

French and Belgian squadrons promptly avenged this by bombing enemy camps, and an aviation centre at Châtelliers.

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CROUP.

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STOP PRESS NEWS.

HEAVY ENEMY LOSSES ON RUSSIAN FRONT.

PETROGRAD, May 22.

A communiqué states that an attempt by the Germans to take the offensive in the Ilukst region and north of Lake Ilan was repulsed with heavy enemy losses.

Hostilities have been confined to artillery and rifle fire on the remainder of the front.

The Russians in the Caucasus continue to advance in the direction of Mosul.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

[BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE (SIR) WM. REES DAVIES, K.C.]

HOUSE-BREAKING AT WANCHAI.

A Chinese was charged with house-breaking and larceny from a dwelling-house in the Wanchai District on the 11th April.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson (Crown Solicitor), in his opening statement, said that the house concerned was situated at No. 10, Wing Fung Street West, next door to which was the bakery of the French Store.

He intended to call some of the workmen employed at this bakery, who would say that they saw the prisoner break into the house, and that he was found inside, with everything turned upside down. Evidently the prisoner had searched everywhere for articles of value.

There were two other men with him, but they ran away and escaped. Prisoner was secured and taken to the Police Station, together with certain articles of clothing which he was taking away when the alarm was raised. When charged at the Police Station he practically admitted the offence, saying that the other two men asked him to join them in the enterprise.

The jury was as follows:—(Captain T. Arthur (foreman), Messrs. E. M. O'Connor, W. G. Lawson, E. J. Ainslie, A. M. Van, J. Arnold, and R. E. Hyndman.

Prisoner was found guilty and His Lordship sentenced the prisoner to five years' imprisonment.

[BEFORE MR. JUSTICE GOMPERTZ, PUNISH JUDGE.]

ROBBERY AND KIDNAPPING.

Wong Yau and Lo Sam were indicted on charges of robbery with violence at San Wai village and kidnapping. Prisoners pleaded not guilty, and the following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. T. M. Gregory, K. Dalziel, F. Ackerman, F. Rapp, A. Khan, L. S. Hyndman, and D. McL. Nielsen.

Mr. G. N. Orme, for the Crown, stated that on the night of the 15th February a good-sized junk came from the direction of Macao, and sailed into Deep Bay. About midnight two small boats were put off from the junk, containing a number of men, about a dozen of whom, probably, were armed with various weapons. They also carried torches, and proceeded up the narrow, ultimately reaching a village which was close to the mud flats.

The inhabitants of this village, which was called San Wai, were mostly Chinese who had returned from Australia and were of more or less independent means. Some of the inhabitants were awakened by the noise of the robbers beating at their doors. The village was a gaunt collection of half a dozen blocks of houses, having two houses to each block, and two floors to each house. Among the robbers were the two prisoners. The first prisoner was armed, and he, with others, entered some of the houses and helped themselves to such valuables as they could find. They took away with them five persons—four men and a youth.

They returned to their junk, and sailed off in the direction of Macao with their five captives on board. They landed at a place some 20 or 30 miles distant from Macao. During the voyage the captives were kept in the hold, and were compelled to write down their names, addresses, and occupations, and those of their relatives in Hongkong whom it would be most suitable to approach with a view to getting them ransomed. They did this at the command of the first prisoner. When they were landed they were blindfolded and taken to a cave, where they were kept for some time. Then, rather mysteriously, all the party, except the youth, were taken down to the beach, where they were left until they found some people who were willing to take them to Macao. Thus four got back safely, leaving the fifth in the cave. In accordance with an arrangement made in Macao the youth was ransomed for \$2,000 by his parents. The Macao police got on the track of the gang, and ultimately the two prisoners were arrested.

Evidence was given bearing out Counsel's treatment.

Prisoners were found guilty and sentenced to ten years each on the two charges, the sentences to run consecutively, and they were each ordered to receive 20 strokes with the cat.

SHANGHAI PIECE GOODS TRADE.

Messrs. Libert and Co.'s (Ltd.) Piece Goods Market Report says—

The paucity of demand for imports and almost entire absence of clearance of cargo for the interior, has seldom, if ever, been equaled since the worst period of the Boxer rebellion. The Chinese dealers can give no coherent reason for the present apathetic markets beyond vague references to politics. After all, however, China has seldom been without a "critical political situation" for more than a few months together during sixteen years past, and yet business has carried on somehow, though far worse times than appear to exist, from mere surface indications, at the present time.

In the last few weeks undoubtedly the rise in exchange has had considerable effect in keeping demand for imports in check until some sort of stability in the silver market would appear to have arrived, but this is not sufficient to account for the dearth of the market, as clearances throughout the spring have been only a far smaller scale than the modest figures of 1915, while they have now almost reached the vanishing point.

The total stock of piece goods of all denominations carried, is only 4 million pieces, and future commitments of the market must be upon a most modest scale; however, in 1907, the year prior to the mid-buying era that followed, stocks had sunk to below 3 million pieces.

SHIPBUILDING IN JAPAN.

ENORMOUS RISE IN BUILDING MATERIALS.

Mr. Inuoka, Director of the Shipping Bureau in the Department of Communications, in the course of a Press interview, remarks, reports the Japan Chronicle, that "the price of building materials has risen 50 per cent, or more, and so it is not surprising that the cost of shipbuilding should show a proportionate increase. Prior to the outbreak of hostilities the cost of building an ordinary cargo vessel was ¥120 to ¥140 per gross ton, but the figure has now risen to ¥150 or ¥160, and is still rising." Recently a certain shipowner contracted for the building of a freight ship of 5,200 tons gross for ¥1,000,000, to be built in 20 months. In the case of this particular vessel some additional cost was incurred owing to the provision of oil tanks; still the price of ¥100 per ton must be regarded as something extraordinary.

"British shipbuilders appear to be suffering from a scarcity of workmen and the great increase in wages, but Japan is comparatively free from these difficulties. As there are no trade unions in Japan, as there are in Great Britain, there is no fear of trouble over the question of wages. In the Mitsubishi Yard at Nagasaki there are 10,000 workmen employed at present; 2,400 men at Mitsubishi Yard at Kobe; 9,500 men in the Kawasaki Yard at Kobe; 3,000 men at the Osaka Iron Works; 1,000 men in the Uraga Dockyard; 300 at the Harada Yard; and 800 at the Fujiyama Yard, making a total of 28,000 men engaged in the shipbuilding industry. The daily wages of these workmen, however, do not amount to more than 80 to 90 sen on an average. This is roughly one-third of what is paid to British workmen engaged in similar work, and this factor of lower wages must be considered as an advantage to the shipbuilding industry of this country."

F.M.S. RUBBER INDUSTRY.

In the annual report of the Standing Committee of the F.M.S. it is stated that the F.M.S. output of rubber for 1915 amounted to 44,524 tons, and the total output of the whole Peninsula was 70,214 tons, or roughly 73 per cent of the world's plantation supply. The output from the Malay Peninsula amounted to just about one half of the total world's production of all sorts of rubber, plantation and wild.

The direct export to America during last year more than quadrupled itself while that to the United Kingdom increased only by eight per cent, out of a total increase of output of 67 per cent.

On December 31, 1915, the Indian population in estates in the F.M.S. numbered 120,347 and in the Colony 14,823, a total of 135,170 compared with 120,000 a year ago. There were 27,456 Chinese labourers on F.M.S. estates at the end of last year, 8,356 Javanese and 8,592 Malays.

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Hongkong, May 22, 1916.

Barometer	9 A.M.	20.88
Do	1 P.M.	20.85
Thermometer	4 P.M.	29.93
Do	1 P.M.	77
Do	4 P.M.	78
Do (Wet bulb)	9 A.M.	74
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WHEN you have pains or lameness in the back, rub the parts with Chamberlain's Pain Balm twice a day, massaging with the palm of the hand for five minutes at each application. Then rub a piece of flannel slightly with this ointment and bind it on over the spot of pain. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

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Wednesday, the 21st instant, being a Public Holiday, the Post Office will be open from 8 to 9 a.m. There will be no delivery of ordinary correspondence and the collection of letters from Pillar Boxes. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Liberia, Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

Ships in communication with Cape D'Azur Radio Telegraph Station:—
Glennarus, Portus.

Inward Mails.
Europe (London 23rd April, via Siberia),
Perth, 23rd May.

Europe (English Mail), Singapore, 23rd May.

Mails will close for:—
SAIGON.
Per "Castell", at 7 a.m., on Tuesday, the 23rd May.

PORT DARWIN.
Per "Sui Kai", at 7 a.m., on Tuesday, the 23rd May.

SWATOW, AMOY & FOOSHOW.
Per "Hailan", at 1 p.m., on Tuesday, the 23rd May.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.
(Europe via Siberia).
Per "Cheng", Registration at 2.15 p.m. Letters at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, the 23rd May.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.
Per "Taming", at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, the 23rd May.

SAIGON, STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, ADELAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADELAIDE, EGYPT & EUROPE.
Per "Portia", Registration at 3.15 p.m. Letters at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, the 23rd May.

JAPAN VIA KOBE.
Per "Zora", at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, the 23rd May.

SAIGON.
Per "Kajun", at 5 a.m., on Wednesday, the 24th May.

SWATOW, AMOY & FORMOSA VIA TAKAO & ANPING.
Per "Sui Kai", at 8 a.m., on Thursday, the 24th May.

SWATOW, BELAWAN & DELI.
Per "Kajun", at 10 a.m., on Thursday, the 24th May.

STRAITS, COLUMBO, INDIA, DURBAN, CAPE TOWN & UNITED KINGDOM.
Per "Kajun", at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 24th May.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, U.S.A., SOUTH AMERICA, CANADA VIA SAN FRANCISCO & UNITED KINGDOM VIA CANADA.
Per "Cheng", Registration at 11.15 a.m. Letters at 12 noon, on Thursday, the 24th May.

BATAVIA, SAMARANG, SOERABAYA & PORT MORESBY (via BATAVIA).
Per "Taming", at 2 p.m., on Thursday, the 24th May.

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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA VIA PORT DARWIN & NEW GUINEA VIA THURSDAY ISLAND.
Per "Taming", Registration at 10.15 a.m. Letters at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 25th May.

TIENSIN.
Per "Kajun", at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 25th May.

FORMOSA VIA KEELUNG, SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN VIA MOJI, VICTORIA, TACOMA & UNITED KINGDOM VIA CANADA.
Per "Canada", Registration at 12.15 p.m. Letters at 1 p.m., on Friday, the 25th May.

TIENSIN.
Per "Kajun", at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 26th May.

SWATOW, AMOY & FORMOSA VIA TAKAO & ANPING.
Per "Kajun", at 0 a.m., on Sunday, the 28th May.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN VIA NAGASAKI, VICTORIA, B.C., CANADA, UNITED STATES, SOUTH AMERICA & UNITED KINGDOM VIA VANCOUVER.
(Europe via Siberia).
Per "Cheng", Registration at 8.45 a.m. Letters at 10.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 31st May.

STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, ADELAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADELAIDE, EGYPT & EUROPE.
Per "Portia", Registration at 10.15 a.m. Letters at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 2nd June.

TIENSIN.
Per "Kajun", at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 3rd June.

SWATOW, AMOY & FORMOSA VIA TAKAO & ANPING.
Per "Kajun", at 0 a.m., on Sunday, the 4th June.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 22nd at 11.25.—The typhoon appears to have filled up.

Pressure has increased considerably over N. Japan and N.E. China, and slightly along the coast from Shanghai to Hongkong. It is nearly stationary over Indo-China and the Philippines.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 3.30 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 23rd May.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: E. winds, moderate; cloudy.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, fresh.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China, between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

On London—

Bank Wire ... 2/3

On demand ... 2/3

30 days' sight ... 2/3

4 months' sight ... 2/3

Credit 4 months' sight ... 2/3

Documentary, 4 months' sight ... 2/3

On Paris—

On demand ... 2/3

Credit, 4 months' sight ... 2/3

On Berlin—

On demand ... 2/3

On New York—

On demand ... 2/3

Credit, 60 days' sight ... 2/3

On Bombay—

On demand ... 2/3

On Calcutta—

On demand ... 2/3

On Singapore—

On demand ... 2/3

On Manila—

On demand ... 2/3

On Shanghai—

On demand ... 2/3

On Yokohama—

On demand ... 2/3

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) ... 33.40

Sovereigns (Banks' Buying Rate) 80. n.

Silver (per oz.) ... 36 d.

Bar Silver in Hongkong ... 104 1/2 p.

Chinese Copper Coins ... 104 1/2 p.

Rate of Native Interest ... 8 1/2 p.

Chinese Sub. Coin ... 12 1/2 p.

Hongkong Sub. Coin ... 2 1/2 p.

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HONGKONG DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

MAY 22, 1916.—a.m.

Station.

Barometer at Sea Level.

Temperature.

Humidity.